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BIRTHS.
On the 3rd December, 1900, at No. 4, Shantung Road, Shanghai, the wife of the Rev. W. NELSON BIRTON, of the London Mission, Shanghai, of a son. On the 3rd December, 1900, at 7, Albany Gardens, Shanghai, the wife of A. T. KEMPER, F.R.C.S., Ed., C. M. S. Hospital, Hangchow, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

On the 28th November, 1900, at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, by the Rev. H. C. Hodges, FREDERICK J. J. PERRY to ELIZABETH C. CRUMPTON.

The Daily Press.
HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DES VŒUX ROAD, CL.
LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

HONGKONG, December 10th, 1900

The news which we publish this morning about the progress of events in China is of a mixed character. The information which comes from Tientsin via Shanghai contradicts the version of the Kalgan expedition story which we reproduced from the *North China Daily News* on Friday last. It appears now that Count YORK VON WARTENBURG was actually killed in a fight with the Chinese, not suffocated by the fumes of a charcoal stove, and moreover that the expedition under his command suffered a reverse of some kind, though details are wanting. Against this disaster may be set the Chinese official report that the Imperial Court is leaving Hsianfu and that while the Empress Dowager was actually killed in a fight with the Chinese, not suffocated by the fumes of a charcoal stove, and moreover that the expedition under his command suffered a reverse of some kind, though details are wanting.

We received yesterday afternoon from Mr. Ronnsville Wildman, U.S. Consul General, the following typhoon warning issued from Manila Observatory at 10:30 o'clock a.m. that day:—A depression south east of Luzon between 10th and 12th parallels.

Mr. CONGER's hopes that negotiations would actually open at Peking this week. To-day we have before us Lord SALISBURY's guarded statement in the House of Lords that the Concert has assumed a reasonable state of vitality and that he believes it will be successful in its objects. Not any enthusiasm can be read into the Premier's announcement, and he refused, as was only to be expected, to disclose the exact position at present of the Chinese question—a course which was followed by his son, Lord CECIL BONNIE, in the House of Commons. The messages to Washington, however, of the United States Minister at Peking afford a clue as to the manner in which the Powers are arriving at a mutual understanding. The United States, Russia, and Japan agreed in considering excessive the clauses of the proposed demand on China which referred to the subjects of punishment of the guilty officials and indemnity for murders and outrages. Great Britain and Germany held the strongest views on these two points, and the difficulty was to bring the two groups of Powers into line, the others apparently being ready to acquiesce in the resolution come to. Mr. CONGER states that the proposed modification of the Agreement has been accepted by the Powers. It seems, therefore, that some abatement will be made in the demand for the exemplary punishment of those responsible for the murders and outrages of the present years and also in the amount asked from China to pay for the loss of life and property to foreigners. Taking the later item first, we have long deprecated the pressing of the indemnity side of the settlement. The exacting of a large indemnity gives support to the vicious view that the murder of foreigners is a matter which can be settled by the payment of money—money, moreover, which does not come from the pockets of the chief murderers. Reasonable compensation for wanton destruction of property is just and politic. Anything beyond this actually does harm to those who take the money and rarely, if ever, touches those at whom it is intended to strike. The question of the punishment of the murderous officials is far different. We cannot say to what extent the Powers are prepared to take back their demands for exemplary sentences on the ringleaders of the anti-foreign movement. The prevalence of the view to which our correspondent "X. Y. Z." drew attention last week in his letter headed "The Glamour of China"—the view, namely, that Tung Fusing and his associates "did their duty according to their lights"—is a bad symptom. We are assured that the British Legation at Peking is seriously infected with this feeling, and it is to be feared that other Legations as well are suffering from it. Sir ROBERT HART in his *Fortnightly Review* article which attracted so much attention lately was a notable exponent of the idea. Now we are not prepared to deny that there was much patriotism mixed up with the feelings which prompted the Chinese to their recent outbreak; but that this fact is to be allowed to save the lives of such criminals as Prince TUAN, TUNG FUSIANG, KANG YI, YU HSIAO (if he is not yet dead), and others of the gang, would be monstrous. The Allies have already taken in hand personally to execute the minor officials connected with the massacres at Peking and its neighbourhood, the last to be sentenced being the Tso-tai and Boxer leader TAU, who was to be beheaded at Tientsin. Are the Powers who claim now to be the representatives of justice to be satisfied with the putting to death of the subordinates, while the Princes, Generals, and Governors, who directed the massacres and outrages, are suffered to retire into private life? We trust not, for what hope can there be of a better China, if those who have brought the great Empire down to the depths are to go on living, examples in the future of how it is possible to do the greatest wrong and yet escape the penalty? In past Chinese history it has always been the case that the great criminals have escaped, a few of their wretched instruments suffering in their stead. We have hoped against hope that this time at last a juster and better way of dealing with the offenders has been chosen, a way, moreover, which the best men of China themselves approve. We do not know definitely yet whether this hope has been in vain, but the latest information gives no re-assurance to us.

From the Return of Stamp Revenue during the months of November, 1899 and 1900, it appears that the total increase in November, 1900, is \$11,957.05. The main items showing improvements are—Conveyance or Assignment, \$7,840.80; Probate or Letters of Administration, \$2,826.37; Mortgage, \$1,090.80; and Adhesive Stamps, \$943.59. The largest decrease is only \$421.90, in Charter Party, and the combined decreases make but \$1,512.05 against \$18,469.11, increases.

On the side of the Allies, how do matters stand meanwhile? We read last week of

A report by Drs. Young and Thomson on the prevalence of malarial fever at Tai Po, in the New Territory, is published in the *Gazette*.

A court martial assembled on board H.M.S. *Tamar* on Saturday to investigate the charges made against one of the ship's company for insubordination, and after recording the prosecuting evidence, the court adjourned sine die.

The Rev. Mr. Williams announced from the pulpit of the Union Church last evening that on the last day of the present year a supper and entertainment would be given in the hall of the church, beginning at seven o'clock p.m., to which all were invited.

We understand that Mr. C. Clements will undertake the duties of Acting Assistant Colonial Secretary and Clerk of Councils, Mr. R. F. Johnston being now A. D. C. and Private Secretary to H. E. Sir Henry Agar-Blake owing to Lord Shand's enforced departure for home on the death of his father.

We regret to have to announce the death at the Government Civil Hospital yesterday morning of Mr. Leopold Sudter, who succumbed to a failure of the heart. Mr. Sudter was with Messrs. Arnhold, Karberg & Co., and represented the Shell Transport and Trading Company, Ltd., for which they have agents here. The funeral will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. to-day.

The police on Friday succeeded in apprehending the last two of the seven military prisoners who escaped from the American transport *Grant* on Tuesday evening last. The two men were found by Sergeant Sullivan at the Star Coffee-house in D'Aguilar Street, after having been two days in liberty. All seven are now in gaol, where they are to be detained for a week.

We hear from a trustworthy source that H. E. the Governor of Macao has received a telegram from the Minister of Marine, Lisbon, to the effect that the British Channel Squadron was expected at the port of Lisbon on the 5th instant with the express view of paying a compliment to the King of Portugal and his Government. This visit may be considered significant of the good relations existing between Great Britain and Portugal.

It has been a long-standing grievance with those primarily responsible for the gathering that the accommodation at the Central Police Station is totally inadequate for the large company—growing, too, as it has been during the past year or two—attending that important annual function, the Police Ball, held yearly on Christmas Eve. With a view to the settlement of the difficulty, negotiations were some time ago entered into for the acquisition of the City Hall for the purposes of the gathering, and these having been satisfactorily concluded, a meeting was held in the Billiard Room at the Central Police Station on Saturday which unanimously endorsed the step. Efforts will not be spared to make the ball this year a greater success than ever.

The *Foochow Echo* of the 1st December has the following items:—H.M.S. *Mohawk* left Pagoda at the beginning of the week for gun practice at sea and returned yesterday.—Mr. E. C. Werner left on Friday by the *Hawking* for Hoikow, where he will take over charge of the newly built H.B.M. Consulate as Consul for the said port. Mr. Werner is highly appreciated by the Chinese authorities on account of his undoubted ability. We wish him a very pleasant voyage and hope to see him back again at some future time.—The F. A. M. and D. Society are showing unwanted energy this season. A burlesque of the *Lady of Lyons* was performed last evening with great success, after only a fortnight's interval since the previous entertainment.—Colds and ill effects from chills have been prevalent in Foochow during the past fortnight owing to the changeableness of the weather. With a temperature of 80 one day and 65 the next it has been difficult to escape

The variety party of H.M.S. *Astrea* gave an entertainment in the Royal Naval Canteen on the 6th inst. A lively programme was the order of the evening. The entertainment opened with a selection by the excellent string band of H.M.S. *Undaunted* kindly lent for the occasion. Pte. A. Winterford in a most effective "get up" then sang "Algy the Piccadilly Johnny" in good style, and his song was well received by those present. F. Brown, E.R.A. next occupied the boards, giving "Ding-Dong" (comic song). His song called forth rounds of applause. H. Carter in "Daisies in the Grass" was well received, as was J. Gilroy's rendering of "A Tear in a Mother's Eye." Messrs. Field, H. Carter, W. Wing, and Winterford contributed several amusing items to the programme, and received well-merited encores. C. Plant and T. Lawton gave two comic songs in excellent style and another contribution by Private Field concluded the first portion of the programme. The second part opened with a selection from the band, followed by "Beautiful Isle of the Sea," by W. Wing. The irreproachable Brown was down for one of his comic songs, which he gave in his usual style. The finale was a very laughable sketch entitled "On the brain," or "Ninopence," the characters being taken by A. Coleman, Ch. Sto.: Brown, E.R.A. H. Carter, Sto.: Pte. A. Winterford and Pte. W. Field. "Brown" as the "funny man" had it all his own way. Carter as the hero was excellent and his lady-love, Pte. Field, looked charming in her China tea-gown. Colomian made a capital old man and Winterford as the "Leary" was all that could be desired. For an amateur performance, the promotor's are to be congratulated on the excellent programme provided and the way it was carried through. The band under the conductorship of Mr. J. Dorsett was excellent. The proceeds, after expenses have been deducted, are for the benefit of the friends of a deceased seaman late, of H.M.S. *Astrea*.

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Messrs. Yarrow and Co. of Poplar, who recently built six torpedo-boat destroyers for the Japanese Government, have received another order from the same Government for two similar vessels.

According to the *Indian Daily News*, Mrs. Dallas, well known in Hongkong in connection with the Dallas and Dallas-Musgrave Companies, sustained a compound fracture of the right arm at Darjeeling while out riding on the 14th ult.

The Russian Government has commissioned the Hamburg-American Line to bring back to Odessa the Russian troops returning from the Far East. Some of the steamers which took out the German Expeditionary Corps to China will be used for the purpose.

The N.C. *Daily News* of the 5th inst. says:—H.M.S. *Hermione* leaves for Nanking to relieve the *Boulevardier* on Monday or Tuesday next; the *Rosario* leaves to-day for Chinkiang to relieve the *Wallaroo*, and will be herself subsequently relieved by the *Pique*.

A Japanese, who is the secretary to the Governor of Formosa, has arrived at Batavia with a clerk, an interpreter, and servants. He is on a mission to inquire into the way Java is governed. The information so gained, it is said, is to be turned into account in Formosa later on.

St. Andrew's Day at Singapore seems to have been a very quiet anniversary. The *Straits Times* writing on the 30th ult. says:—"The only recognition of the event by the Scotchmen in Singapore, as far as we know, was a tiffin at the Singapore Club to-day, at which there were many 'aliens' present. We understand that it was not possible to get a haggis, so the guests had to fall back on the prosaic kippered herring." Our contemporary complains that in no other place in the Far East are Scotchmen so outwardly indifferent to their Saint's day. At Shanghai, on the contrary, great enthusiasm was manifested.

With a view to provide English-speaking priests to meet the spiritual needs of Roman Catholic sailors of the Royal Navy stationed and frequenting the Chinese, Indian, and other ports, a Roman Catholic Royal Navy Apostolic Union has been formed for the purpose of educating Irish students to serve as chaplains abroad. The idea is not so much to effect a change in the method by which chaplaincies are filled, but to enable foreigners to be replaced by priests speaking English as their mother tongue.

The St. Petersburg Correspondent of the *Daily Express* states:—The Russians, on occupying Mukden, the capital of Manchuria, secured—in other words "looted"—a large quantity of very valuable Oriental MSS., which, by command of the Russian Government, are being sent to St. Petersburg in order to be submitted to a minute examination at the hands of the authorities of the Imperial Library. Among the MSS. there should be, according to the view of Russian experts, many MSS. of Greek and Russian classics, which were plundered and carried away by the Mongols in their wars of devastation in Europe in the thirteenth century.

The *Novoe Vremya* publishes a report of the effect of the fire of the guns of the Russian gunboat *Otruzni* when defending the Russian port of Nakhchivani with its workshops and the rolling stock of the Manchuria Railway from the attack of the Chinese. Altogether 538 shots were fired, 38 from the 6 in. and 500 from the smaller guns. The shooting was very straight. Some say that not a single shot from the 6 in. guns missed its mark. Whenever the Boxers were observed firing from a stone house on the Russian Infantry, a shell from the 6 in. gun was sent among them, and, as could be seen by the dust and smoke, it never failed to hit its mark. The Boxers, overcome by terror, rushed into the streets, only to receive a hail of shot from the Hotchkiss, Baranovsky, and the machine guns, discharged from the bridge and from the fighting-top of the gunboat. As an instance of the power of the 6 in. shells, which had a bursting charge of gun-cotton, it was observed afterwards that one shell had fallen into a cellar of a stone house, and, bursting there, had displaced the heavy stones in the lower part of the house and caused the wall to bulge out. It looked as though a push would bring the house down. Human beings were blown to pieces by the shells and parts of them burnt.

The *Glory*, the new flagship of the China Squadron, is, writes a naval correspondent to a home contemporary, the smartest flagship that Great Britain has ever sent to that station. Built at Laird's at Birkenhead, she will have cost a good million or more by the time she gets to sea. Compared with the *Centurion*, the battleship which is the headquarter of the present Commander-in-Chief of the China fleet, the *Glory* shows a considerable advance. She is 30 ft. longer, over 2,000 tons heavier, better protected, and far more efficiently armed. The *Centurion*'s barbette guns are of 10 in. calibre only. Those in the *Glory* are 12 in., of modern design, having a long range, and so mounted that they can be loaded in any position. This advantage is secured by having the loading chamber so constructed that it revolves with the guns. All that science and mechanical skill can do to secure rapidity of fire and staying power has been done for the *Glory*. She would be a very formidable enemy for any vessel to encounter. Beyond this, the ship is beautifully fitted. Vice-Admiral Sir H. H. Rawson, whose flag she will carry, has had his gallery painted royal blue, and very smart, too, they look.

Whether he will take the ship to China, or join her there early in the New Year, says the correspondent, is uncertain.

It is reported that F. Lousby and A. Turner, two Australian jockeys, after a very successful season in Java, are going to Penang to try their luck there.

The Government of Netherlands India proposes to reform the organisation of the corps of scutarii or militia in the ports of Java. Service remains compulsory on all Europeans but the conditions will be made easier. Khaki drill will be used for the uniforms.

At the Council of Ministers at Madrid on the 8th ult., the Queen-Regent presiding, General Azcaraga announced that a convention between Spain and the United States was signed in Washington on the 7th, according to which Spain cedes the islands of Cagayan and Sibut to the United States, receiving in return payment of \$100,000. These islands were the sole possessions remaining to Spain in Oceania.

At the beginning of the month the Yangtze was nearly blocked close to Hunter Island, above Kinkiang, by the stranding of the Japanese steamer *Keiko Maru*, formerly the U.S.S. *Palos*, and three or four lorcha and junks. A very narrow channel was left, says the N.C. *Daily News*, with only nine feet of water in it, and the stranding of one more lorcha would make it impassable for the river steamers. Another accident is reported from the Yangtze. Another French cruiser *Admiral Charner*, on her way down the river, got ashore in the Round Channel, Silver Island Pass, below Kinkiang. H.M.S. *Wallaroo* went to her assistance and, it is believed, succeeded in getting her off. Details, however, are not yet to hand.

The American Hydrographic Office has started a scheme for charting a safe track from the United States to the Philippines and Japan. This will be inaugurated by the *Solace*, which has left America for the Philippines, and will maintain look-outs to report the dangers in the way; and every naval vessel and every Army transport hereafter crossing the Pacific and following the usual route will do the same. In this way it is hoped that an exact path will be established on which the dangers will be definitely located. This scheme is preliminary to a more comprehensive work, which Commander C. C. Todd, the chief hydrographer, desires to undertake if Congress will appropriate the necessary money.

In reference probably to the telegram of the *Ostasiatische Lloyd* to the effect that the German Emperor has bestowed upon Captain Krenckov, commander of the 1st Battery, heavy field-howitzers, to whom a great deal of the success of bombing and storming the Peitang forts is due, the order Pour le Mérite, the N.C. *Daily News* says:—The delusion that the Peitang forts had to be bombarded and stormed seems to have gained currency in Germany. As we have already stated, there was practically nobody in the fort when they were attacked, and the losses of the attacking party were entirely due to the contact mines outside the fort.

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The upper storey, from its location, was exposed to the full fury of the

REUTER'S SERVICE.

LONDON, 6th December.

THE NORTH BORNEO DINNER.
At the annual North Borneo dinner, Mr Birch, the ex-president of Negri Sembilan, who succeeds Mr. Clifford, praised Mr. Cowie and welcomed the incursion of Japanese to North Borneo. The Japanese Minister dwelt on the mutual interests of Japan and North Borneo.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.

Nothing whatever is known of the fate of the 450 prisoners taken at De Wetshoep.

HOLLAND AND THE TRANSVAAL.

The Premier has declared that the States-general is unable to foresee the psychological moment when Holland could propose arbitration in the South African war.

LORD ROBERTS' RETURN.

Lord Roberts met with a tremendous reception at Durban.

THE FRENCH PRESS ON GENERAL MERCIER'S SPEECH.

The French Press unanimously condemns in the severest terms the speech made by General Mercier in the Senate.

LONDON, 7th December.

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

The Queen's Speech says as it was necessary to make further provision for the expenses of operations of the armies in South Africa and China, Parliament has been summoned for a special session.

IN THE DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS.
In the debate on the Address, Lord St. John referring to China, said he felt more confident in the stability and success of the concert than he did regarding the date of the achievement of success.

The address was voted.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.

Commandant De Wet is close to Aliwal North, which is prepared for an attack.

All the prisoners taken at De Wetshoep have been liberated except the officers.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

The Jockey Club has prohibited Ted Slean from riding in England.

LOCAL MOVEMENTS.

The Italian transport *Gaura* arrived on Saturday from Taku.

The British transport *Raura* left on Friday night for Calcutta.

The British transport *Verada* left for Calcutta yesterday.

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HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council will be held to-day, Monday, 10th December, at 3 p.m.

BUSINESS.

1. Financial Minutes. (Nos. 59 to 69.)

2. Report of the Finance Committee. (No. 18.)

3. Amendment to Sanitary Bye-law.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. First reading of a Bill entitled an Ordinance to consolidate and amend the law for establishment and regulation of the Police Force of the colony.

2. First reading of a Bill entitled an Ordinance to further amend the Bankruptcy Ordinance, 1881.

3. First reading of a Bill entitled an Ordinance for the naturalization of Chan Ping Haung alias Chan Shek Shun.

4. First reading of a Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend the Arms and Ammunition Ordinance, 1900.

5. First reading of a Bill entitled an Ordinance to make provision for the Preparation and Publication of a New Revised Edition of the Statute Laws of the colony.

R. F. JOHNSTON,
Acting Clerk of Council.

N.B.—A meeting of the Finance Committee will be held immediately after the Council.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENT.

The C. P. R. Co.'s steamer *Empress* of China left Vancouver for Hongkong via usual port of call on Thursday, 1st December.

Again, whilst we are all glad that His Excellency takes such an intelligent interest in the malarial question, and is willing to expend colonial funds in stamping out fever, we cannot help thinking that he will not be here for ever, that his successor may dub the whole scheme an expensive fad and squash it, whereas had a permanent addition been made to the Sanitary Department, the work would continue without interruption.

The position of the Board is a most curious anomaly. Its President says that infections hospitals, so long as they are privately owned, are not within the jurisdiction of the Board, yet by law every infected person is to be taken to such places as the Board may approve.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.]

THE SANITARY BOARD AND MALARIA.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, 8th December, 1900.

Sir,—An analysis of the voting on my motion for dealing with anophiles, the discussion thereon, and the subsequent answer of the President went presenting reports and ground plans of the infectious hospital now being erected at Kennedytown, are interesting as showing the undercurrent of official animus which invariably tends to thwart every action of the Board which may not have the departmental *imprimatur*, to concentrate all effort in itself and thus keep the Board in a subordinate and ridiculous position.

When this former question was previously before the Board, both the President and Vice-President squashed all attempts at doing something practical, partly because they did not believe in the mosquito theory; incidentally because, in their opinion, the incidence and effects of malarial fever were exaggerated, but principally because it would be an unnecessary and expensive experiment and therefore not justifiable. This was the same argument, it is noted, used by the President in opposing the erection of a refuse-destructor in face of the convincing reports of the responsible officials that such was urgently required.

The first two reasons may be taken for what they are worth—to argue would be like trying to convince the one sensible Irish juror, who, when the jury had been sent back four times to find a verdict, which the judge told them should be as clear as daylight, told his Lordship that he had never met a more obstinate man than he had never met in the whole course of his experience! With regard to the third, expense, whilst the cost of my practical proposal, which could have been counted in hundreds per annum, the outlay on the scheme supported by the President and Vice-President entails a cost—I am quoting from their own words—of between \$30 to \$40,000 dollars *per miliaria*, not including the proposed medical officer's or his assistant's salary.

Moreover, if government precedents are to be followed, nothing practical can be done for more than *year* (reports and memoranda will not eradicate malaria), as no provision has been made in the estimates for this expenditure. The President must be quite aware of this, for it was he who voted a request to the Government to allow a wretched sum of \$1,200 for the salary of an additional entomologist—who, in the unanimous *merita dicta* opinion of the Board, was urgently required—to be inserted in the estimates, the requisition having been sent in two days late, saying “such a course would be quite impossible!” Likewise he told the Board that for the same reason the much needed Kowloon markets cannot be commenced for another year, but, of course, this argument may only apply to schemes advanced by the pestilential agitators!

The Vice-President also, who had been arguing that for some occult reason in connection with his policy in the New Territory the anophiles had been much maligned, suddenly discovers that action should be at once taken, but that the medical department should undertake the work for the curious reason that “the Sanitary Board had too much to do and no means of doing it.” Surely the obvious remedy, if such were the case, would be to increase the Board's staff, give it the means of overtaking its work, and not create a new Health Department, as from the words used by the P.C.M.O. is clearly the Government's intention. “Medical Officer for mosquitoes” may be a joke, but contains its sting. Even the Board's own Vice-President must do his best to nullify its efforts and show what a whitened sepulchre it is. Dr. Ball, though opposing, has been consistent throughout, as thoroughly believes the theory, advocates a large expenditure, does not like cheap schemes, and if he wishes to see his own department supreme in matters pertaining to preventive as well as curative medicine, he is only following the footsteps of his predecessors.

The Military representative, who does not believe in either scheme, and the Chinese member saw the Government proposed to spend a large sum of money and did not trouble to consider by whom or in what manner it was to be expended. But surely the Government might be consistent. If they create a Sanitary Board to undertake certain definite responsibilities, to that Board alone should such sanitary duties be confined.

Everyone knows that Dr. Thomson is a most excellent and efficient officer and will throw his heart into his proposed duties (why Mr. Lauds, an officer of the Board and the original discoverer of the anophiles in Hongkong and first worker in anophiles ports, is not associated in the scheme, I can't say, but it certainly would have been more natural to make him Asst. Health Officer—an officer asked for by the Board but refused by Government, and thus keep Sanitation and the Sanitary Department one consistent whole.

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they are to approve of a building and its surroundings without seeing them.

Any one can build an infectious hospital where and when he likes, receive small-pox, plague or leprosy within its walls in what manner and under what circumstances he pleases, and this without endangering the public health, as of course if it did the Board should take cognizance of it.

Answers from Government are likewise interpreted in quite a *Pickwickian* sense. The Government, being distinctly asked to submit all plans and give all information regarding buildings connected with sanitation, agree to do so. The President of the Board will not use himself to give them to himself. He might be expected to advocate anything and everything which would assist the Board in its work, or increase its importance. No such thing—that answer refers only to Government buildings. Personally I should have thought the private building intended for public purposes would the more require supervision, but this is only the opinion of the unofficial.

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Will the Hon. Unofficial Members of the Council and the Hongkong public support the Board or will they at once declare it is useless and—cut it down?—Yours, etc.,

WILLIAM HARTIGAN.

CRICKET.

HILLS v. PLAINS.

In the absence of any markedly level land in this precipitous Colony, a scientific frontier was drawn at Cuira Road: all who lived below that zone were called plain people and all who lived above that zone were, for once, constituted “highlanders.” Kowloon being fairly flat, that dependency and H. M. S. ships on the water level and some diancias living in or about Queen's Road, supplied the plain that read a very plain tale to the hills. The Hills were not so strong in batting as the Plains, but were supposed to be more powerful in bowling. The weakness in batting, but not the strength in bowling, was apparent at the end of the day's play. Ainslie and Strong opposed for the Plains against Salter and Smith and played very finely, being together at 100 when the score was 110, after an hour and a half's play. This shows that they had not yet reached the peak of their skill, but were supposed to be more powerful in bowling. 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OUR PARIS LETTER.

Paris, 10th November.

The Legislature formally met for the despatch of business, but a few days must yet elapse before testing the importance of the rows and possible free-fights. The session may be said to have opened like a lamb, but raging lions are everywhere on the prowl. There are no less than fifty questions down on the order book; some solution must be found out for the difficulty; the public cannot be expected to continue paying fancy prices for wires when their messages can be transmitted for next to nothing by the Marconi system. The latter as yet cannot be utilized for long distances, but that will come. Only sanction its use for short distances, between inland towns, and so make telegrams as common as postage stamps. Marconi would inaugurate the penny messages.

Marconi's wireless telegraph is accepted as a success, but the Government is puzzled and crippled how to act, in consequence of having made so many concessions to land lines. Some

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The Duke of Wellington said it was easy to march 30,000 soldiers into Hyde Park, but he only knew of two men who could readily march them out. The English War Office with all

its faults, remarks the French, did indeed accomplish a great achievement in sending 200,000 soldiers across the Ocean in four months; they,

however, observe that a block now exists in Africa in reference to bringing them back. But an enthusiast has remarked that that is nothing serious, considering that Englishmen were created to conquer difficulties. Satisfaction is expressed in the Anglo-Saxon colonies

on the Continent that Lord Roberts has made

up his mind to finish with the tag, tag, bob-tail of the Boer forces, who have chosen to turn

veritable brigands. His policy of leniency has

been laughed at, and his generosity spurned.

"Let us be friends," said Grant to Lee, when the latter had been beaten. The Boers

do not understand that civilization, so their

renegades must be taught it in a drastic manner,

Shorlton illustrated in his *Forest Rides*, and the

Germans with the *frances-tireurs* in 1870-71.

War cannot be conducted on rose-water principles. Turenne won the Palatinate by making

it a waste, but it was differently recovered. Now Lord Roberts' new schemes to "pacify" a little the conquered colonies is justifiable; seize property where desirable, destroy

residences where rebels in the field have their

inhabitants well fed and cared by the British; take

away the stock, make some tolling confiscations,

apply drastic punishment to whoever acts as a
scout or purveyor of food or war-supplies to
the raiders, or gives them shelter. Matters

will then soon change. It will be Kitchener's

policy when he succeeds Lord Roberts. There

is no use treating bands of assassins and
wreckers with consideration; shoot down any

recognized leaders. In course of time

Baden-Powell's police can take up the running. If there be any good man and true,
whose loyalty has stood the test, among the

Dutch, show confidence in their conduct by
entrusting them with some employment where

they can do no harm.

Motor-cars or automobile and chrysanthemums wound up the last day of the Exhibition.

The chrysanthemum is the flower of the day; to all appearances it has superseded every other

flower for the decoration of caskets—on All
Saints' Day—*Le Jour des Morts*, as it is known in France—for example, when all mourners had

some in their annual pilgrimage to the graves of relatives and friends.

At the Exhibition the motor-car flower fete, it is admitted to have

been the most attractive spectacle which the

Big Show ever produced or displayed. The

cars, 300 in number, were divided into three classes according to their richness and build; they were decorated with various flowers, violets, roses, ox-eye daisies, as well as chrysanthemums, and produced a very artistic effect.

The weather was superb, while ladies used

their flower ammunition most liberally. The procession in the grounds was opened by

a squadron of cavalry, then followed military music.

The crowd was very large, and five tickets were exacted for admission instead of one—this enabled many

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & CO.	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON	ANTENOR	Brit. str.	—	Jackson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 13th inst.
LONDON	SOCOTRA	Brit. str.	—	T. H. Hides, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On or about 15th inst.
LONDON, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	CLYDE	Brit. str.	—	A. L. Valentini	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 22nd inst., at Noon.
LONDON	CALOHAS	Brit. str.	—	Bardlett	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 25th inst.
LIVERPOOL	ACHILLES	Brit. str.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 8th Jan.	On 8th Jan.
BREMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL	ULYSSES	Brit. str.	—	Edmonson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 14th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, V. SPORE, &c.	KONIG ALBERT	Ger. str.	—	O. Coppers	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 12th inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	ISABA MARU	Jap. str.	—	W. Bainbridge	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 14th inst., at Daylight.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, V. SPORE, &c.	ERNEST SIMONS	Fren. str.	—	Durrande	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 17th inst., at 1 P.M.
HAVRE, BREMENHAVEN & HAMBURG	SHIYANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	G. E. P. Cook	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 28th inst., at Daylight.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	AMBREA	Ger. str.	—	A. Wagner	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On or about 8th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	AGAGONIA	Ger. str.	—	Forst	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On or about 20th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	WITTENBERG	Ger. str.	—	Hempel	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On or about 30th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SAMIA	Ger. str.	—	Schmidt	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On or about 8th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	HOLSATIA	Ger. str.	—	Bakke	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On or about 20th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	HUDSON	Brit. str.	—	DODWELL & CO., LIMITED	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	Quick despatch.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	GLENARTNEY	Brit. str.	—	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 12th inst.
NEW YORK VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL	VERBONA	Ger. str.	—	CARLOWITZ & CO.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 21st inst.
NEW YORK	DEVONSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	SHIENAN, TOMEI & CO.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On or about 30th inst.
NEW YORK	R. MORROW	Brit. ship	—	ANHOUD, KABERG & CO.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	Quick despatch.
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	EMPEROR OF JAPAN	Brit. str.	—	H. Pybus, R.N.R.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 19th inst.
VICTORIA, B.C., & TACOMA VIA FOOCHEW, &c.	GENOGLIE	Brit. str.	—	DODWELL & CO., LIMITED	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 15th inst.
VICTORIA & VANCOUVER, B.C., V. INLAND SEA, &c.	TARTAR	Brit. str.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On or about 20th inst.
PORTLAND, OREGON, &c., VIA JAPAN, &c.	ADATO	Brit. str.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at Noon.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA AMOY, &c.	GAEIL	Brit. str.	—	ANHOUD, KABERG & CO.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 18th inst., at Noon.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	HONGKONG MARU	Jap. str.	—	O. & O. S. N. CO.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 27th inst., at Noon.
SAN DIEGO, &c., VIA MOJI, &c.	CHIABLE CITY	Amer. str.	—	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	CHINGTU	Brit. str.	—	PACIFIC MAIL S. CO.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	AILIE	Brit. str.	—	WILLIAMS	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 14th inst., at Daylight.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	ROSETTA MARU	Jap. str.	—	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 28th inst., at 4 P.M.
KOBE	TSUNAI	Brit. str.	—	JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 18th inst., at 4 P.M.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YEDO MARU	Jap. str.	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 21st inst., at Daylight.
NAGASAKI & WLAIVODSTOCK	KANAGAWA MARU	Jap. str.	—	SHIEMSEN & CO.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 13th inst., at 4 P.M.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	DAPHNE	Ger. str.	—	TH. Nissen	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 21st inst., at Noon.
SHANGHAI	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	A. E. Moss	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.
SHANGHAI	WOOSUNG	Brit. str.	—	Dowson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.
SHANGHAI	BENGAL	Brit. str.	—	S. Barcham	EAST ASIATIC TRADING CO.	To-day, at 5 P.M.
SHANGHAI	LYEENGON	Ger. str.	—	C. D. Bennett	EAST ASIATIC TRADING CO.	On or about 22nd inst.
SHANGHAI	CHUSAN	Brit. str.	—	G. W. Gordon, R.N.R.	EAST ASIATIC TRADING CO.	On or about 25th inst.
SHANGHAI & JAPAN	JAVA	Brit. str.	—	P. W. Wetin	EAST ASIATIC TRADING CO.	Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIIGO & YOKOHAMA	PRINCESS IRENE	Ger. str.	—	K. Suzuki	EAST ASIATIC TRADING CO.	On 18th inst., at Daylight.
FOOCHEW VIA SWATOW & AMOY	AKASHI MARU	Jap. str.	—	S. Atemi	EAST ASIATIC TRADING CO.	On 18th inst., at 4 P.M.
SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWANFOO	ANPING MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Hasegawa	EAST ASIATIC TRADING CO.	On 18th inst., at 4 P.M.
SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWANFOO	TAMGWI MARU	Jap. str.	—	Wolf	EAST ASIATIC TRADING CO.	On 12th inst., at Noon.
MANILA	CHINGTU	Brit. str.	—	A. Ramsay	EAST ASIATIC TRADING CO.	To-morrow, at Noon.
MANILA DIRECT	YUENSANG	Brit. str.	—	S. Yashizawa	EAST ASIATIC TRADING CO.	On 13th inst., at Noon.
BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE & COLOMBO	DIAMANTE	Brit. str.	—	Sartorio	EAST ASIATIC TRADING CO.	
SINGAPORE, PENANG & BOMBA	HIROSHIMA MARU	Ital. str.	—	Tadd	EAST ASIATIC TRADING CO.	
SINGAPORE, PERANG & CALCUTTA	BORNIDA	Brit. str.	—			

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Dec. 8. AMBREA, German steamer, 3,298, A. Hagnor, Kolo 2nd December, General—CARLOWITZ & CO.

Dec. 8. HANCI, French str., 749, Pannier, Haiphong 5th December and Hoitow 7th, General—A. R. MARTY.

Dec. 8. TAIANG, British str., 1,544, S. Wilde, Shanghai 3rd Dec., General—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

Dec. 8. KACHIDATE MARU, Japanese str., 2,143, Fujiki, Moji 2nd December, Coal—M. B. KAISHA.

Dec. 8. ETHERIA, British str., 1,010, Jas. M. Hay, Moji 3rd Dec., Coal—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

Dec. 8. GHAYA, Italian str., 1,799, F. Ansaldi, Taku 4th December—CARLOWITZ & CO.

Dec. 8. HONG WAN I, British str., 2,063, Fripp, Singapore 1st Dec., General—CHINESE.

Dec. 8. KINSU MARU, Japanese str., 2,389, A. Fraser, Moji 4th Dec., General—N. Y. KAISHA.

Dec. 9. ANPING, British str., 1,153, H. Barlow, Shanghai 6th Dec., General—CHINESE.

Dec. 9. ANPING MARU, Jap. str., 1,053, S. Atsumi, Aiping 6th December, Amoy 6th and Swatow 8th, General—M. B. KAISHA.

Dec. 9. BENGAL, British str., 2,451, S. Barcham, Bombay 21st Nov., Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. CO.

Dec. 9. BORNIDA, Italian str., 1,499, G. Sartorio, Singapore 30th Nov., General—CARLOWITZ & CO.

Dec. 9. CHOWTAI, German str., 1,115, Morris, Swatow 8th Dec.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Dec. 9. HAITAN, British str., 1,182, Boach, Foothow, Amoy and Swatow 8th Dec., General—DOUGLAS LAPEAUX & CO.

Dec. 9. HOIHAO, French str., 507, M. Merlees, Pakhoi and Hoitow 8th Dec., General—A. R. MARTY.

Dec. 9. IELAYO, British str., 1,100, R. A. Birns, Foothow 7th Dec., General—CHINESE.

Dec. 9. SULTAN VAN LANGKAT, Dutch str., 1,510, Bloemberg, Pulo Samby 26th Nov. and Swatow 8th Dec., Oil—MEYER & CO.

Dec. 9. TRIGONIA, British str., 1,069, Powell, Palmeberg 30th Nov., Oil—ARNHOLD, KARLSON & CO.

Dec. 9. YUENSANG, British str., 1,128, P. H. Belf, Manila 6th Dec., General—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

Dec. 9. WINGSAN, British str., 1,517, Saylor, Canton 9th Dec., General—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH
CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship
"WOOSUNG," Captain Dowson, will be despatched as above TO-DAY, the 10th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, 8th December, 1900. [3065]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA

THE Company's Steamship
"CHINGTU," Captain Williams, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 11th December, at 4 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried, and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light. For Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, 8th December, 1900. [2933]

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N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA are available for return by the Steamers of the EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN S.S. Co. and vice versa.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, 8th December, 1900. [2954]

THE OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND TAIWANFOO.

THE Company's Steamship
"ANPING MARU," Captain S. Atemi, will be despatched for the above ports on WEDNESDAY, the 12th December, at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA, Agents, Hongkong, 8th December, 1900. [1443]

VESSELS IN DOCK.

BERBEEBEE DOCKS.—Tertar, Char. H.M.S. Kowloon DOCKS.—Tertar, Char. H.M.S. Otter, Empress of Japan, Lungchang, Zaire, Solent, H.M.S. Sandpiper, Hainan, Monmouth DOCK.—Taicou, Tainan, Scindia.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Polyo*, from Foothow, 7th December, had fresh N.E. wind and sea with fine weather throughout.

NORTHERN PACIFIC
STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, VIA SHANGHAI.

INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA

IN CONNECTION WITH

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

Steamer.	Tons.	Captain.	Proposed Sailing
GENOGLIE	3,750	W. Frakes	December 15
DUKE OF YORK	3,821	J. S. Cox	December 27
QUEEN ADELAIDE	2,832	F. McNair	January 2
VICTORIA	3,502	J. Pantin	January 7

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the PACIFIC COAST and to the INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and to EUROPE.

HONGKONG TO LONDON, &c.

Excellent accommodation. First class Table. Doctor and Stewardess carried. Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the First Class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK, &c.

The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent; two trans-continental trains daily from Tacoma; Dining Car is attached to trans-continental trains day and night; trains from Tacoma to New York in 4 days. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route.

HONGKONG TO VICTORIA AND TACOMA, &c.

The best route to the KILODINE GOLD FIELDS. Frequent Sailings from VICTORIA and TACOMA to DYEA and St. MICHAEL.

Rate of Passage to other Points on application.

A special rate allowed to members of Government Service.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1900. [10]

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ,

PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP,

BREMEN/HAMBURG.

PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL
STEAMSHIP COMPANY.IN CONNECTION WITH THE
ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE
RAILROAD CO.PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM
HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO
AND SAN FRANCISCO,
VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND
HONOLULU.TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
TO JAPAN PORTS AND
HONOLULU.THE UNITED STATES,
MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH
AMERICA, &c.S.S. "CARLISLE CITY" ... On 10th Dec.
3,002 Tons.

S.S. "BERGENHUS" ... On, 25th Dec.

THE Steamship "CARLISLE CITY"
will be despatched for SAN DIEGO and
SAN FRANCISCO VIA MOJI, KOBE,
YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on
MONDAY, the 10th December.Through Bills of Lading issued to any point
in the United States.Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M.
the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages
will be received at the Office until the same
time. All parcels should be marked to address
in full. Value of same is required.Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo des-
tined to points beyond San Diego, should be
sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the
Collector of Customs, San Diego.For further information as to Freight or
Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents,
Hongkong, China and Japan.
Hongkong, 6th December, 1900. [14]IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.
FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIJO
AND YOKOHAMA.THE Imperial German Mail Steamship
"PRINZESS IRENE,"
of the NORDDEUTSCHE LLOYD,
Captain P. Wettin, due here with the outward
German Mail about the 9th inst., will leave for
the above places about 36 hours after arrival.

NORDDEUTSCHE LLOYD.

For further Particulars apply to
MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents,
Hongkong, 8th December, 1900. [18]NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA
(FIOBIO AND RUBATTINO UNITED
COMPANIES).STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG
AND BOMBAY.Having connection with Company's Mail Stea-
mers to ADELAIDE, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA,
NAPLES, LEGHORN and GENOA, also
VENICE and TRIESTE, all MEDI-
TERANEAN, ADRIATIC, LE-
VANTINE and SOUTH AM-ERICAN Ports up to
CALLAO.Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN
GULF and BAGDAD also BARCELONA,
VALENZA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA and
MALAGA.

THE Steamship

"BORMIDA."

Captain Sartorio, will be despatched as above
TO-MORROW, the 11th inst., at NOON.At Bombay the steamer is discharging in
Victoria Dock.For further particulars regarding Freight
and Passage, apply toCARLOWITZ & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd December, 1900. [17]

GLEN LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK.
THE Company's Steamship"GLENARTNEY,"
Captain E. G. Warner, will be despatched for
the above port on WEDNESDAY, the 12th
December.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW,
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st November, 1900. [294]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

"SUISANG."

Captain Tadd, will be despatched as above
on THURSDAY, the 13th inst., at NOON.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1900. [308]

FOR KOBE.

THE Steamship

"YEDO MARU."

Captain S. Saito, will be despatched as above
on THURSDAY, the 13th inst., at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1900. [308]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship

"YUENSANG."

Captain Rolfe, will be despatched as above on
THURSDAY, the 13th inst., at 4 P.M.This steamer has superior accommodation for
First class Passengers, is fitted throughout
with Electric Light, and carries a Doctor.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1900. [308]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY
LIMITED.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"TSINAN."

Captain Anderson, will be despatched as above
on THURSDAY, the 13th inst., at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1900. [304]

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

OCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL
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TO JAPAN, THE UNITED
STATESMEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH
AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE
OVERLAND RAILWAYS AND
ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND
HONOLULU.PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM
HONGKONG.

GAELIC (via Shanghai),

Nagasaki, Kobe, In-

TUESDAY, Dec. 11,

land Sea, Yokohama,
and Honolulu) ...

DORIC (via Shanghai),

Kobe, Saturday, Jan. 5,

Inland Sea, Yokohama,
and Honolulu) ...

COPPER (via Shanghai),

Kobe, TUESDAY, Jan. 29,

Inland Sea, Yokohama,
and Honolulu) ...

THE Company's Steamship

"GAEILIC."

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO,

VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI,

KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA, AND

HONOLULU on TUESDAY, the 11th

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VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI,

KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

with the German Mail of the 12th ult., left Singapore on Wednesday, the 6th and may be expected here to-day.

With the American Mail of the 13th ult., left Yokohama on Monday, the 3rd ult., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 11th inst.

MAILS WILL CLOSE.

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Singapore, Colombo and Bombay

SHANGHAI
(Late Letters 11.10 to 11.30 A.M. Extra
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Borneo

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time fixed for departure of the Mail. Extra
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ville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne

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Yokohama and Kobe

Nagasaki and Divedstock

Manila

Kobe

Manila

EUROPE, &c., India via Taticorin
(Late Letters 11.10 to 11.30 A.M. Extra
Postage 10 cents.)

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VICTORIA and VANCUVER B.C.
(Supplementary mail on board up to the
time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra
Postage 10 cents.)

TO-DAY.

Sale, Crown Land, 3 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Sale, Government Stores, Army Ordnance

Stores, Messrs. Hughes and Hong, 11 a.m.

Concert, St. George's Hall, 9 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

SATURDAY, 9th December.

ON LONDON.— Telegraphic Transfer 2/1
Bank Bills, on demand 2/1
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 2/1
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/1
Credits, at 4 months' sight 2/1
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight 2/1

ON PARIS.— Bank Bills, on demand 2/4
Credits, at 4 months' sight 2/6

ON GERMANY.— On demand 2/15

ON NEW YORK.— Bank Bills, on demand 5/4
Credits, 60 days' sight 5/2

ON BOMBAY.— Telegraphic Transfer 157/4
Bank, on demand 158

ON CALCUTTA.— Telegraphic Transfer 157/4

Bank, on demand 158

ON SHANGHAI.— Bank, at sight 7/2
Private, 30 days' sight 7/2

ON YOKOHAMA.— On demand 3 p. o. d.

ON MANILA.— On demand Par.

ON SINGAPORE.— On demand 1 p. o. pm.

ON HAWAII.— On demand 126

ON HONGKONG.— On demand 2 p. o. pm.

ON BANGKOK.— On demand 1 p. o. pm.

ON BANGLA.— On demand 60

SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying Rate 9.40

GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael 49

BAR SILVER, per oz. 23/1

OPIUM.

Quotations are:— Allowance net to 1 catty.
Malwa New \$780 to \$810 per pound.

Malwa Old \$820 to \$830 "

Malwa Older \$840 to — "

P. Paper-wrapped \$850 to — "

Persian fine quality \$870 to \$920 "

Persian extra fine \$870 to — "

Persian New \$912 to — per chest.

Banaras New \$910 to — "

Banaras Old — to — "

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE GERMAN MAIL.
The Imperial German Mail steamer *Prinzess Irene*, carrying the German mails with dates from Berlin of the 12th ult., left Singapore on Wednesday, 5th inst., at 6 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 11th inst.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The T. K. K. steamer *Hongkong Maru*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 13th ult., via Honolulu, has arrived at Yokohama and left for this port on Tuesday morning, 4th inst., via Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai.

The O. & O. steamer *Doric*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 23d ult.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C. P. R. steamer *Empress of China* left Vancouver for Hongkong via usual ports of call on Thursday, 8th, the 6th December.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The N. Y. R. steamer *Hiroshima Maru* (Bombay Line) left Shimonesaki on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at 4 p.m., and is due to arrive here on the 10th inst.

The N. P. steamer *Duke of Fife* has arrived at Kobe and left for Hongkong on the 5th inst.

The N. P. steamer *Queen Adelaide* has arrived at Yokohama and sailed for Hongkong on the 6th inst.

The O. S. S. steamer *Rajput* left Singapore on the 7th inst., and is due in Hongkong on the 12th inst., a.m.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

HONGKONG, 9th December.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	ISSUE PRICE.	PAID UP.	LAST DIVIDEND.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.					
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	80,000	\$125	\$125	30/- div. at 1/11/00 = \$150 per share for 1st half year 1900	325 p. o. pr. = \$528/
Bank of China & Japan, Ltd.	109,875	28	24	None	London £27 10s.
Do. Deferred	1,250	21	21	None	41
National Bank of China, Ltd.	19,970 A	210	28	2/8 for 1899	265 buyers
Do. Founders' Shares	29,955 B	210	28	2/8 for 1899	265 buyers
MARINE INSURANCES.					
Union Ins. Society, Ltd.	10,000	\$250	\$50	40 p. ct. = \$20 for 1899	246/
China Traders Ins. Co., Ltd.	24,000	\$83.33	\$83.33	10p. of forw. end 30/4/00	50.
North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	5,000	\$100	\$25	Int. £1.75-23/24.5s/210	Tba 172, sellers
Yangtze Ins. Assn., Ltd.	8,000	\$100	\$80	10 p. ct. for 1897	110
Castan Insur. Office, Ltd.	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$12 for 1899	140, buyers
Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$100	\$20	5 p. cent. for 1895	51.
FRAM INSURANCES.					
Hongkong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$27 for 1898	295, sellers
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$100	\$26	\$9 for 1898	275, sellers
SHIPMENTS.					
Hongkong, Canton and Macao S. B. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$1.20 for half year ended 30/6/00	333, sellers
Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	\$10	5p. ct. & 2p. ct. bonus for 1900	306.
China & Manilla S. S. Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	\$50	20 p. cent. for 1899	95, sellers
Do. do.	14,000	\$50	\$20	20 p. cent. for 1899	27, sellers
SHIPPING.					
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$50	\$50	12 p. cent. for year ending 30/6/00	345, buyers
China Mutual S. N. Co., Limited, Preference	20,000	\$10	\$10	Int. of 5 p. cent. on a/c. of 1900	412, buyers
Do. Ordinary	20,000	\$10	\$10	Int. of 5 p. cent. on a/c. of 1900	365, buyers
Star Ferry Co., Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$1.05 for 12 p. ct. for year ended 30/4/00	318, sellers
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	2,000,000	\$1	\$1	Int. of 5 p. cent. on account of 1900	23 5s, buyers
REFINERIES.					
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$100	Int. of \$24 per share on a/c 1900	123, sellers
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	7,000	\$100	\$100	\$3 for 1897	36, buyers
MINING.					
Punjab Mining Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$8	\$8	None	410, sellers
Societe Fran. des Charbonnages du Tonkin	30,000	\$1	\$1	75 cents, sellers	75 cents, sellers
Queens Mining, Limited	16,000	Fe.250	Fe.250	None	800, buyers
Leleb Mining and Trading Company, Ltd.	400,000	25 cts.	25 cts.	6 p. ct. half year end	7 cents, sellers
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Limited	45,000	\$6	\$5	31 7/8 (coupon 8)	81, sales & sellers
Olivers Freehold Mines Limited	200,000	\$1	\$10/10	1 s'ling. 51 cts, 10th	37.
Great Eastern and Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	A 15,000	\$5	\$5	div. on 77/100	32, sellers
Bacolod	B 45,000	\$5	\$5	div. on 77/100	140, sellers
Oliver's Freehold Mines, Do. Preferences	140,000	\$4	\$3	First year	5 cents
Do. Do.	70,000	\$1	\$1	30 cents, sales	30 cents, sales
DOCKS, WHARVES, &c.					
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Limited	12,500	\$125	\$125	Spec. & 12p. ct. bonus for year ended 30/6/00	545 p. o. pr. = \$301.25.
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and G. Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$50	\$50	Int. of 5 p. cent. on a/c. of 1900	83, buyers
Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Co., Ltd.	2,600	\$100	\$73	Int. of \$14 on ac- count 1900-22/12	64, buyers
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$63	\$63	22 p. cent. for 1899	20, sellers
Lands, Hotels & Building, Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	\$100	Int. \$3 on account 1900	189.
Kowloon Land & B. Co.	6,000	\$50	\$30	\$1 for 1899	251, buyers
West Point Building Company, Limited	18,500	\$50	\$50	Int. \$1.50 on a/c. 1900	84, buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	\$50	10 p	